

NEGRO TROOPS AT SENATE INQUIRY DENY SHOOTING

Men Dismissed from the Army by Roosevelt Called as Witnesses.

NIGHT'S DOINGS TOLD.

Foraker Leads Questioning to Show Discrepancies in Government Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The investigation by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs of the Brownsville, Tex., army was begun today. A score of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, discharged from the army without honor because of their alleged participation in the shooting-up of the Texas town, were in attendance when the committee began its first sitting. There was only one white man in the group of witnesses.

Attorneys were barred from the committee-room, the negro soldiers under investigation having no representatives at the hearing other than members of the committee. It is understood that Senator Foraker, author of the resolution of inquiry, will look after the interests of the men if they are placed in jeopardy.

Before the proceedings opened there reported, in response to subpoenas, the following former members of the discharged battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry: Minor Sanders, whose twenty-six years' service has been told of in debate in the Senate; W. H. Miller, E. L. Daniels, L. T. Thornton, C. H. Madison, Israel Harris, A. H. Roland, T. L. Altman, Wallington, Blumer, Brown, Franklin, Desautels, Jackson and Winter Washington.

Most of these men were private, but in addition there was Sgt. Israel Harris, of Company D, who is now employed in Boston. Senator Foraker took charge of the calling of witnesses and first summoned Harris to the stand. He was questioned by Senator Foraker, and said he was employed as porter in a bank in Boston. He explained the position he had held in Company D, and was then interrogated concerning the happenings at Fort Brown on the night of Aug. 13-14. In reply to questions he said:

"On that night we had some disturbance. Some shooting, I mean. I was asleep in D barracks and at about 12 o'clock I was awakened by the noise of a gun. I put on my trousers and shoes, but no blouse or leggings.

"Then there was the sound of arms, and D Company got dressed and we started for our guns."

The witness then told of getting the guns in the dark after the racks had been opened. He described the racks and showed that there was one key to a rack, and that this key will unlock only one rack, and that the keys are in the possession of non-commissioned officers.

The witness said that when the company formed outside Capt. Lyons, of D Company, was present and immediately called the roll and personally counted his men and that none were absent. He said that no persons had joined the company after formation, and he declared that no men could have fired from D barracks without having been detected.

The witness told of the patrol of the town by D Company and the fact that no soldiers were found in the town, and finally he told of the return from the patrol and the surrender of arms and the locking of the arms in the racks. The question of guns on the following morning was explained. It was found, he said, that none of the guns had been used, or if they had been they had been cleaned over night.

Calling for guns furnished to the committee by the War Department, Senator Foraker first had one gun identified by the witness as a new model Springfield rifle, and another as the Krags-Jorgensen rifle. The former was in use by D Company, but the witness was familiar with the Krags. Harris took the Springfield like an expert.

"How long does it take to clean a gun?" Mr. Foraker asked the witness. Harris said it could not be done in less than ten minutes, and he then went through the movements.

"He testified that he had been cleaned to pass inspection without a reputation, and that only tiny such rods are provided for each company. Others of the negro troops gave testimony similar to that of Harris.

After testifying to what it would be impossible to clean the guns in the dark, Harris was examined by Senator Foraker. He said that he had been in the town before the disturbance and inspection was made immediately after the firing. He did not know that any ammunition was missing, no complaint having been made.

When cross-questioned regarding the roll call Harris said that a lantern was used in reading the call and that all men responded in their names.

Sensor Overman asked the witness if it were not possible for one man to answer for another. The witness said he did not think that this could be done.

ROMANCE ENDS FOR GRANDCHILD OF LINCOLN

Athletic Husband Seeks Divorce from Girl He Eloped With.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Ia., Feb. 4.—

As the conclusion to a stirring romance, Warren W. Beckwith, athletic and professional ball player, has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Jessie, the daughter of Robert T. Lincoln and granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln. Deserion is probably the ground for the action.

Beckwith is the son of Capt. Beckwith, of Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Beckwith's mother, Mrs. Lincoln, daughter of former United States Senator Harlan, also of this place. Thus, the families were acquainted for many years, and often, while Beckwith was a football hero in his college days, Jessie Lincoln was in the grandstand with her family to watch him play.

Nobody, however, suspected a romance would be the outcome, as she was a child and he was fifteen years her senior.

After leaving college Beckwith, who had played on the college nine, went in for professional athletic work. He pitched on several high league teams, being signed at one time by Keokuk and later by the Dallas, Tex., nine.

During the seasons when he could not play Beckwith worked as a gas meter inspector in Mount Pleasant. His athletic prowess, however, seemed to fascinate Miss Lincoln, and in 1914, when she was a senior at the Lincoln high school, she eloped with him.

The couple went back to Chicago the same night and the bride went to her home. She bravely broke the news and asked that her husband be received. There was a storm of protest and the new Mrs. Beckwith remained separated from her husband for several days.

Robert T. Lincoln was president of the Pullman Palace Car Company, and his position in Chicago was well known. Mrs. Beckwith finally left her home, and for several years lived with her husband in Chicago.

They lived happily together until about five years ago, when Mrs. Beckwith's visits to her family became longer and longer. At last she did not return to her husband at all.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

CITY PARK, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs, selling: Waterford, 100; Harry Gardner, 100; King Brush, 100; Prince Hanover, 100; Boston, 100; Dams, 100; Paxton, 100; Bangor, 100; Laura, 112; De Shanno, 112; Goldies, 112; Biondo, 112; Biondo, 112; Saginaw, 112; Lolly, 112.

SECOND RACE—Five furlongs, short course—Mole B, 181; May Bird, 132; Ordox, 132; Barrow, 132; Little Wally, 132; Sarah, 132; Goldie, 132; Babar, 132; Sam Hoffmeier, 132; Tinkler, 132; Three and a half furlongs: Lulu B, 110; Succas, 110 (Prize of Melbourne-Berwick); Bernardo, 110; Dona, 110; Lulu B, 110; Succas, 110; Woodman, 110; Merry George, 111; Bell Indian, 111; Richmond, 112; Freebooter, 112.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs, course—Stockingham, 97; Daisy, 97; Favor, 97; Peating Court, 97; Pentagon, 97; Arador, 97; Proud, 100; Florence, 102; Glorior, 104.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling: Vantage, 104; Goldies, 104; Erik Lee, 107; Earl, 106; Fargo, 109; Prince, 109; Mallicky, 111; Pantagost, 115; Evilsmit, 112; Cannon Ball, 112; Happy Jack, 112.

FIFTH RACE—Three and a half furlongs: Lulu B, 110; Succas, 110 (Prize of Melbourne-Berwick); Bernardo, 110; Dona, 110; Lulu B, 110; Succas, 110; Woodman, 110; Merry George, 111; Bell Indian, 111; Richmond, 112; Freebooter, 112.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling: Vantage, 104; Goldies, 104; Erik Lee, 107; Earl, 106; Fargo, 109; Prince, 109; Mallicky, 111; Pantagost, 115; Evilsmit, 112; Cannon Ball, 112; Happy Jack, 112.

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EIGHTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling: Vantage, 104; Goldies, 104; Erik Lee, 107; Earl, 106; Fargo, 109; Prince, 109; Mallicky, 111; Pantagost, 115; Evilsmit, 112; Cannon Ball, 112; Happy Jack, 112.

NINTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling: Vantage, 104; Goldies, 104; Erik Lee, 107; Earl, 106; Fargo, 109; Prince, 109; Mallicky, 111; Pantagost, 115; Evilsmit, 112; Cannon Ball, 112; Happy Jack, 112.

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Lincoln's Grandchild and Athlete Who Charges Her with Desertion



CALIFORNIANS STAND FIRM ON JAP EXCLUSION

Criticise Roosevelt and Say United States Must Not Yield.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—At the convention of the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League yesterday, resolutions adopted by the Executive Board of the League on Saturday night, demanding that the United States and the State of California maintain the right to exclude Japanese from public schools used by white children, were strenuously adopted after much spirited discussion by men prominent in the movement to exclude Asiatics from this country.

The plea of the resolutions, which declared that the yielding of the United States to Japanese on the school question was tantamount to taking vassalage, was dwelt upon by several of the speakers.

President Roosevelt was severely criticised.

JAPAN BLAMES WAR WRITERS FOR FIGHT TALK

TOKIO, Feb. 4.—The war talk of the American press has been received here with great surprise and sincere regret. The correspondent of the Associated Press has talked with several leading men, both in and out of Government circles, and all concur in the opinion that the United States is the last country with which Japan would go to war.

Headed, both nations are unaggressive.

PARIS STOCKS DOWN ON TALK OF JAP WAR.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Prices on the Bourse today were heavy and trading was inactive on the reports of strained relations between Japan and the United States. Russian Imperial Four closed at 78.00 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 82.00.

SKIM MILK SAVES LIFE.

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AUGUST SCHLEICH, member Hope Engine Company, crushed, dying.

CHARLES SUTTON, Hope Engine Company, both legs broken, seriously injured internally.

JACOB HOLPE, foreman Independent Hose Company, badly crushed.

WILLIAM ALMBRUSTEN, member Independent Hose Company, hip broken, internally injured.

WILLIAM WALTON, of Hope Engine Company, internally injured.

EMIL LINDBERGER, forty years old, a confectioner.

The prominence of most of the men killed and injured has cast this village and surrounding section in gloom.

John Chester Cromwell was a bridge-keeper of three months. The dead men were all members of Clinton Hook and Ladder Company.

The Mead Building was only recently completed. It was occupied on the first floor by the Westchester Lighting Company, which had its main office for the section there. Next door was the large store of Friedman & Gottlieb, known as the Smart Shop. The second floor was devoted to offices, while on the top floor the Masonic Lodge had just fitted up a fine lodge-room at an expense of \$15,000.

The fire was discovered shortly before midnight in the Westchester Lighting Company's office, and when Fire Chief Fuller arrived he says the plate-glass front was blown out with a loud explosion while he was knocked back about twenty feet by its force.

The injured firemen were on ladders to be caught, and the fire was pure stupidity on the part of the Fire Department officers that resulted in the death of the four firemen. He says the chief was warned that the cornice would fall, but the calling off of the men was delayed, and the next minute the firemen lay mangled beneath tons of brick and metal.

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LONDON BUREAU

HOLLAND LIMITS THRONE SUCCESSION.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 4.—The State Commission appointed to revise the Constitution of Holland in its report just issued recommends the exclusion from succession to the throne of children born after the abdication of the sovereign, and authorization for the States-General (parliament) to provide for the succession after it in case of emergency. The commission also recommends the proportional representation and eligibility of women for election to the States-General.

MURDER SUSPECT MUST COME HERE FOR TRIAL.

MARSEILLES, Feb. 4.—The identity of the man named Malvo, in custody, and whose extradition has been granted on the charge of murdering an Italian, Pladororo, in Boston, Mass., in April last, has been definitely established, and he will be surrendered to Detective John C. MacGarry, who came to France for the purpose of taking the prisoner back to Boston, Mass.

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PANAMA CANAL COMPANY GETS ALBANY CHARTER

John B. McDonald, Director of Oliver Concern—Stevens Not Named.

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—The Panama Canal Company, incorporated to finance the Panama canal, has been chartered by the State of New York.

The company's principal office will be in New York City. The directors named are John B. McDonald, John Pierce, Robert A. C. Smith, William H. Sayre, George P. Hartman, all of New York City; William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Charles H. Ackert, of Frankfort, Mo.; Patrick T. Walsh, of Davenport, Ia.; and Robert Russell, of Lynchburg, Va. Each of the directors subscribes for \$2,000 of the capital stock.

After enumerating the various objects for which a contracting firm is formed, the certificate says that company will "do and perform every act and thing necessary or proper to be done by a contractor employed by the United States Government."

The proposed canal across the Isthmus of Panama, which a corporation organized under the business corporation laws of the State of New York may lawfully do or cause to be done.

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